

Social and Personal.

THE Saturday hops have commenced at the Hermitage Golf Club and are always largely attended by the club members and their friends. The clubhouse presents a very attractive appearance in its holiday decorations, and dancing lasts from 5 to 7 o'clock.

Those invited to receive this afternoon are Mrs. Knox Wilson, Misses Martha Robinson, Courtenay Crump, Isabelle Valentine, Gary Valentine, Katherine Gunn and Nora Randolph. Reception at "Strawberry Hill."

Invitations have been issued by Mrs. Charles Urquhart Williams, Mrs. Charles Urquhart Williams, Jr., and Miss Mary Newton Williams for a reception to be given on Thursday afternoon, December 23, between the hours of 4:30 and 7 o'clock, at their country place, "Strawberry Hill," just outside of Richmond.

Mrs. C. U. Williams, Jr., whose marriage was one of the fashionable events in New York, is one of the most popular brides in the city, and has been entertained at a great deal here since her marriage.

Returned to Norfolk. Miss Louise Robinson returned to Norfolk last Sunday, after having spent a week with Miss Elsie Ingram, in Richmond. Miss Robinson attended the collision given Friday night by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Saunders, Jr., in honor of their debutante daughter, Miss Mary Ball Saunders.

At the Hunt Club. The hunt will assemble this afternoon at 3:15 o'clock at the Reservoir. Those invited to receive at the clubhouse are Mrs. J. Nelson Steel, Jr., Mrs. B. H. Ellington, Mrs. J. Allison Lodge, Mrs. J. Mason Miller, Mrs. Charles E. Wortham, Jr., Misses Page Aylett Royall, Julie Osterloh, Julia Joyner, Daisy Boykin and Helen Adams.

General and Mrs. Edward West Nichols, of Lexington, have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Lily Laurence Rust, to Thomas Miller, Fendall, the ceremony to be solemnized Wednesday afternoon, December 15, at 5 o'clock, at Robert E. Lee Memorial Church. Mr. Fendall is a distinguished graduate of the V. M. I. and is engaged to a civil engineer in Youngstown, O.

Sanford-Randolph. Invitations have been received here for the marriage of Miss Kate Whitcomb Randolph, daughter of Mr. Peyton Randolph, to Charles Landis Scott, Jr., the wedding to be celebrated in Ascension Church, Amherst Courthouse, on December 23.

Sanford-Carroll. A wedding of interest to Richmond society, where the bride is well known, took place Tuesday afternoon, when Miss M. Jennings Carroll, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Carroll, was married to John L. Sanford, son of N. Knight Sanford, at "Blenheim," the country home, at Woodbrook, of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Sanford. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Timothy Bernard Kenny, of St. Ann's Catholic Church, and was witnessed by many clergymen, members of the immediate families, including guests from out of town. The house was decorated with palms and yellow chrysanthemums. In the drawing-room, where the ceremony was performed, palms and chrysanthemums were arranged in a bow and a small table was used to entwine the chandeliers. The bride entered the drawing-room with her father, by whom she was given in marriage, and was met by the groom, attended by his best man, Eugene Poulter. She wore a handsome gown of white satin, made in train and trimmed with duchesse and limerick lace, and a tulle veil fastened with a clasp of orange blossoms. Her bouquet was lilies of the valley and orchids.

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one of the attendants at the Hubbard-Harrison marriage.

Mrs. E. J. Ellwanger is the guest of relatives in Danville.

T. D. Elam and daughter, Miss Ruby Elam, have returned to their home in South Boston.

Miss Myra Beagaw, who has been visiting Mrs. Marshall in Portsmouth, has returned to her home in Richmond.

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MAY START POLICE PATROL SYSTEM

Matter Being Considered by Commissioners in Petersburg.

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Matter of Annexation of Ettrick to Be Investigated.

The Police Commissioners have recently been gathering data as to the establishment of a patrol system for Petersburg, and seem satisfied that the telephone box call system will answer every purpose and prove more effective as well as more economical and simpler than any other system. Meanwhile the Finance Committee is awaiting a report from the Police Commissioners on the subject before submitting its recommendations to the Council.

Important Committee Announced. An ad hoc committee of the Council was held last night for the purpose of ordering the payment of certain bills, which had been delayed by the failure of several departmental committees to approve. But other business was transacted, and President Patton announced the appointment of several committees on behalf of the Council, as he had been authorized to do. These were: On Annexation of Ettrick to Petersburg—President Patton, Robert Gilman, Jr., and W. Gordon McCabe, Jr.; to investigate the purchase of feed for the city, F. G. Stratton and J. B. McCulloch; to investigate matters connected with the city hall, R. Bolling Wilcox and O. W. Mattox; to represent the city at the municipal reform meetings to be held in Richmond January 6-7, R. B. Wilcox and Charles W. Bland. The Board of Aldermen will appoint representatives on each of these committees.

The committee on the annexation of Ettrick will look thoroughly into the feasibility and advisability of that proposition, and will make its report at the February meeting of the Council. The committee on the purchase of feed supplies will investigate the allegation of a reputable firm in the city that it has been the lowest bidder for furnishing these supplies and has failed to get the contracts. The Council committee promptly invited an investigation. Alleged faulty construction of the new heating plant at the jail is the reason for investigation into that matter.

Death of George E. Ford. George Edwin Ford, after a long period of falling health, died at an early hour this morning at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary A. Ford, on South Street. He was widely known in the city; was a former prominent baseball umpire and player, and for years was connected with the Petersburg Fire Department as engineer. He is survived by his mother, two brothers and four sisters.

General News. F. M. Perkinson, of the firm of Lawrence & Perkinson, while painting at the house of W. H. Cooper, east of Central Park, yesterday, fell from a ladder and received painful injuries. Several days ago Mr. Lawrence, of the same firm, was hurt at the Southern Express Company's new depot by a falling piece of timber.

Mr. Bullard, a farmer of Chesterfield county, recently lost a dog, two large dogs and a calf, by rabies. The dog first went mad and bit the other animals, which developed the disease and had to be killed.

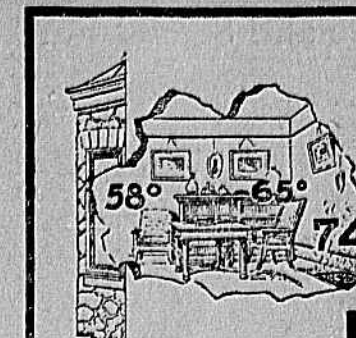
Chief of Police Ragland has received inquiries from the police of Richmond as to the record of August Mullen, a negro under arrest in Philadelphia for check-falsing. The negro is unknown to the police here.

Election of Officers. At the meeting of Oakwood Camp, No. 1, Woodmen of the World, last night the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Past Consul Commander, L. F. Bland; Consul Commander, J. W. Sherer; Adviser-Lieutenant, W. T. Hughes; Banker, B. B. Jones; Clerk, W. D. Northington; Escort, M. E. Bridges; Watchman, W. E. Holloway. Managers—C. H. Godsey,

Freight Train in a Wreck. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW CHURCH, Va., December 10.—A wreck occurred on the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad last night on Dismal's Sliding, just above Salisbury, which was caused by an engine sideswiping another engine. Several cars were thrown from the track and some railroad bed destroyed. Fireman Brown jumped, as did his engineer, which saved their lives. Traffic was delayed for several hours.

Lynchburg Choral Society Organizes. LYNCHBURG, Va., December 10.—The Lynchburg Choral Society, which was recently formed, has perfected its organization with the election of the following officers: President, Walker Pettyjohn; Vice-President, Robert Winfree; Secretary and Treasurer, W. H. Hendricks; Board of Directors, J. B. Jennings, R. C. Watts, B. F. Kirkpatrick, D. R. Ryland, G. E. Vaughan, Dr. C. E. Bussery and Professor W. S. Adams.

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BOY SHOTS HIS BROTHER. Saw Object Move and Thought It Was Rabbit. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW CHURCH, Va., December 10.—While shooting at a supposed rabbit yesterday afternoon, J. Philip Jones, aged seventeen, shot and probably fatally wounded his six-year-old brother, Peter, in the woods near Laurel.

The little fellow had followed to the woods, and becoming tired, fell asleep under some bushes, while returning home the boys were attracted by the body, and the other boy, thinking it might be a coon or fox advanced, and when he saw the object move, he fired. The boy was shot through the right arm and side.

Confederate Veterans Elect Officers. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] STAUNTON, Va., December 10.—Stonewall Jackson Camp of Confederate Veterans, of this city, have elected for the coming year the following officers: Commander, Berkeley Minor; First Lieutenant-Commander, W. D. Armstrong, M. D.; Second Lieutenant-Commander, Rev. O. P. Gregory, D. D.; Third Lieutenant-Commander, Rev. W. Q. Huilbert, D. D.; Quartermaster, J. W. Blackburn; Treasurer, James N. McFarland; Commissary, H. C. Hite; Surgeon, Dr. Geo. S. Walker; Assistant Surgeon, Dr. Wm. Bell; Chaplain, Rev. W. N. Scott; D. J. Sergeant-Major, J. C. Collier; Officer of Day, Dr. S. H. Henkel; Vidette, Wm. Whaley; Color Sergeant, C. D. Stonehewer; First Color Guard, T. T. Lettvin; Second Color Guard, J. F. Black.

Executive Committee—S. D. Timberlake, T. A. Pace, H. E. Gay, T. D. Ransom, James Buchanan and W. N. Scott.

Knights of Columbus Elect Officers. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, Va., December 10.—Lynchburg Council, Knights of Columbus, has elected the following officers for 1910: Knight, J. L. Ryan; Deputy Grand Knight, E. P. Cromwell; Chancellor, J. L. Martin; Recorder, Rev. J. A. Gensheimer; Financial Secretary, J. H. Gilfoyle; Treasurer, T. J. O'Brien; Warden, Hugh F. Sherry; Advocate, T. J. O'Brien; Inside Guard, W. I. McGhee; Outside Guard, F. J. Gleason; Trustees, Edward P. Walsh, Edgar P. Cromwell and J. A. Morrison.

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the lawn, and set fire to them, when she put out the seat of one of the chairs against her dress, and in a few minutes her clothes were in a blaze. She ran into the house, where she was met by her grandfather, who wrapped her in some blankets, but not before she was badly burned from her waist to her feet.

DROUGHT BECOMING SERIOUS. Streams Going Dry. Power-Houses Handicapped and Crops Suffering. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WINCHESTER, Va., December 10.—The drought which prevails in Northern Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland has become so serious as to occasion alarm. No rain or showers have fallen for six months. Streams are going dry, which were never known to fall before, while the drying up of the wells and springs necessitates the hauling of water in many instances for miles.

The wheat, which was seeded the past fall, is making but little growth, owing to the entire lack of moisture in the soil. The power-houses along the river courses are seriously handicapped. They are forced to furnish the motive force demanded and are compelled to shut down a part of each day because of the terminal head of water to drive the turbines.

ENGINEER KILLED ON YARD. Old Employee of Chesapeake and Ohio Meets Accidental Death. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEWPORT NEWS, Va., December 10.—Frank B. Coffey, sixty-four years old, for twenty-five years employed as an engineer by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, was killed on the Chesapeake and Ohio yard here this morning, being run over by a shifting engine as he was on his way to his own cab for the day's work. It is supposed that the old man misjudged the speed of the engine, which was backing into the switch behind a water tank, and was knocked down by the tender. His mangled body was found by a train of freight cars, and a jury found a verdict of accidental killing.

Mr. Coffey is survived by a widow and one son. He began railroading with the Erie road, and in 1882 went with the Chesapeake and Ohio. He had worked with the Chesapeake and Ohio for twenty years, since the latter was a messenger boy on the yard.

BOLD ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY. Three Men Hold-Up Machine Shop Men, but Are Caught. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WASHINGTON, N. C., December 10.—One of the most daring attempts at robbery in the history of the city was made early yesterday morning when three strange men entered the office of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, and held up several of the machinists and other employees of this company at the plant on Water Street, where they were working. The men, however, became frightened and rushed out before the alarm could be given. The shop men then immediately armed themselves and chased the robbers on the trail of the robbers, but failed to locate them. The affair was told to the police, but so far no arrests have been made.

TO SELL LUMBER PLANT. Property of the Boydton Company to Be Disposed of at Auction. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BOYDTON, Va., December 10.—The receivers for the Boydton Lumber and Manufacturing Company have advertised the plant, together with ten acres of land, to be sold at auction on January 13, 1910. The plant has been recently sold to the hands of the receivers by B. E. Cogbill, and the machinery is in good running order. The sale is under a decree of the Circuit Court of Mecklenburg.

TRIED TO KILL HIMSELF. Father With Fifteen Children and Without Means of Support. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] DURIHAM, N. C., December 10.—The Recorder's Court this morning revealed a very quiet attempt of Berry Hill, who was arrested on the charge of firing a pistol in the city limits. On the face of the charge, it looked like a simple breach of the peace, but according to his own statement, he intended to take his own life, but he intended to put in his head went into the ceiling. He gave as his reason for this rash act that he had fifteen children and was unable to support them, and the thought set him crazy. Judge Syke fined him \$10 and costs.

TO ELECTRICUTE HAMILTON. Petition for Executive Clemency Withdrawn. LYNCHBURG, Va., December 10.—The petition which has been circulated for several days, in which Governor Swanson was asked to commute the sentence of Angelo S. Hamilton from electrocution to a life term in the State Penitentiary, has been withdrawn, and it is announced will not be pushed further.

In addition to this, it is not expected that anything will be done looking to an appeal of the case to the Supreme Court of Appeals of the State.

TO ERECT NEW SCHOOLS. \$200,000 Appropriated by Lynchburg Council. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, Va., December 10.—The Common Council, at an annual session held today in the municipal committee room in the Kriss Building, unanimously

adopted the Marshall resolution providing for the appropriation of \$200,000 to the school board with which to erect the proposed new High School building, an eight-room school on the site of the present Miller Park School, which came into the city with annexation two years ago; a building for negro children on Tin Bridge street, and a new school (half a building) on White Rock Road.

"Jim Crow" Saloon Ordinance. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BLUEFIELD, W. Va., December 10.—The Board of Affairs of this city, was met yesterday night, a "Jim Crow" saloon ordinance. The proposed ordinance makes it illegal for a white saloonkeeper to sell liquor to a colored man or vice versa. But the man who buys the liquor and the man who sells it are to be held violators of the ordinance. There is only one colored saloon in the city, while there are ten white saloons.

Lee-Hardison. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WASHINGTON, N. C., December 10.—Miss Annie Hardison, of this city, was married yesterday afternoon at 2:15 to Smith Lee at the home of her mother, 562 Market Street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. V. Hope, of the Christian Church, in the presence of a few intimate friends, and relatives. The bride and groom left immediately after the ceremony for Aurora, and will make that town their future home.

WOMEN WHO THINK DECIDE WISELY. It's an interesting study to watch a man's face when he opens his presents on Christmas morning. If wisecracks observe the performance, how she will thrill if her gift is one that will win his plaudits. It's a simple matter to gratify the tastes of any man at the big holiday store of O. H. Berry & Co., Main and Eleventh Streets.

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